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and additions are with the aim of persuasion rather than of instruction. The whole plea is sane, and it deserves the attention of all who propose to take the social situation seriously. A. W. S.

Le Décalogue Agricole. Un esquisse d'un Programme d'action catholique dans les campagnes. Par le P. HENRI WATRIGANT, de la Compagnie de Jésus. Abbeville: C. Paillart, 1896. Pp. 60. Fr. 0.50

THIS interesting syllabus of lectures is typical of the social activities of the French Catholic clergy. The subjects touched are religious instruction and worship, Sunday rest, problems of domestic, economic, and civic interest, morality, recreations, and social intercourse. The appendix furnishes a very full bibliography. The purpose of the pamphlet is to furnish topics for conferences rather than to offer a discussion of the problems named. It is highly instructive as showing what the rural clergy of France are thinking about in connection with the life of their parishes. C. R. HENDERSON.

Die Armenpflege. Einführung in die praktische Pflgeethätigkeit. Von DR. JUR. E. MÜNSTERBERG. Berlin: Verlag von Otto Liebmann, 1897. Pp. 213.

IN a series of semi-popular lectures the well-known author of *Die Armengesetzgebung* has produced in excellent form a small handbook for practical workers. It is an admirable sketch of the field, with particular reference to German conditions. The references to the literature of the subject are carefully selected and would be a good guide for the purchase of a new library. The principal topics are public poor relief, private charity, the connection between public and private relief, the means of help, special branches of relief, and the principles of administration. The author shows familiarity with English and American methods, as well as with those of the continent. He was formerly head of the relief system of Hamburg, and is recognized as one of the first authorities in the world in this field. Readers of this Journal will recall his valuable articles on German poor relief.

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